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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant and the undersigned attorney supplement the statement mailed March 8, 2004 and bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed herewith.

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Three photographs of Allied Bolt ground clamp corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,398,596, 3 pages.

The above documents are listed on Form PTO/SB/08 which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2), enclosed is a copy of each non-patent literature document listed.

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